

Gettysburg Borough Tree Commission

Subject: Minutes from June 8, 2021 meeting

A virtual meeting was held on June 8, 2021. David Rice chaired the meeting. Also in attendance were Robbie Harbaugh from the Borough, Commission member Martin Jolin, and guest Trevor Redding.

Robbie reported he had pruned the trees on the square removed the dead tree in Front of Friendly's, and pruned out dead branches on the trees along Queen Street.

David reported that the West Broadway Neighborhood improvement group had planted seventeen trees on the Broadway islands at their own expense. The Borough had loaned gator bags to keep them watered this summer.

Marty will go back to St. James with the recommendation that they plant smaller trees than the currently planned Gingkos because of the overhead wires. He will also recommend that they make a diversified selection.

David Poe at CVTS has but the oak at 49 W. Broadway on his schedule for removal. Robbie said he would also get quotes from Bartlett's Tree Service and from Adam Blevins for future work. All the tree companies are very busy with work because of the high degree of tree mortality in the area.

David proposed that the Borough set a target of getting 15 new trees planted this fall or next spring. Several locations were noted, but everyone was encouraged to be on the lookout for good locations. Robbie asked that new locations that required sidewalk work be conveyed to him as early as possible to allow the Borough's crew a better opportunity to do the site work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38.